



## **SPEAKER BIOS**

### **Donald J. Brackman, Director, National White Collar Crime Center**

Director Donald J. Brackman, a 35 year veteran of the Indiana State Police, had been affiliated with NW3C for many years before accepting the directorship. Director Brackman formerly served as Chairman of the Board of Directors, Board Member, Manager of Program Support, and Deputy Director for Information Services.

Director Brackman had various responsibilities with the Indiana State Police, serving as Colonel and the Commander of their Bureau of Criminal Investigation. During his tenure there, Director Brackman addressed prescription and drug abuse problems in Indiana as Chairman of the Indiana Controlled Substance Advisory Committee, and as a governor-appointed member of the Prescription Review Study Committee. He represented law enforcement statewide as an appointed member of the Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana. Committed to excellence, he was awarded Indiana's most prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash Award for achievement in law enforcement by former Governor Robert D. Orr.

An active member of the law enforcement community, he is a member of numerous state and national law enforcement organizations. Director Brackman is a graduate of the University of Louisville Southern Police Institute, School of Police Administration and the Indiana State Police Academy.

### **G. Michael Witte, Executive Director, Indiana Disciplinary Commission**

G. Michael Witte is the Executive Secretary of the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission. Witte was the first Asian American to serve as judge in the State of Indiana. His 25 year judicial career included service as Judge Pro Tem of the Wayne Superior Court No. 1, Richmond, Indiana (2009); Judge of the Dearborn Superior Court No. 1, Lawrenceburg, Indiana (2000-2008); and Judge of the Dearborn County Court (1985 – 2000). He received both his B.A. and J.D. degrees from Indiana University, served as President of the Indianapolis law school's Alumni Board in 2009, and was honored in 2008 by the I.U. Alumni Association as its Distinguished Asian Alumni.

He is a 1991 graduate of the Indiana Judicial College, the 2002 class of the Graduate Program for Indiana Judges, and a former member of the Indiana Commission on Courts. He is currently Chair of the ABA Judicial Division and served as Chairman of the ABA National Conference of Specialized Court Judges in 2006. From 2006-09, Witte served as Co-chair of the ABA Judicial Division's Standing Committee on Minorities in the Judiciary. He received his community's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Award in 2009. In addition, Indiana Minority Business Magazine named Witte a 2010 Champion of Diversity. Witte has been a panelist at many national programs on diversifying the judiciary and improving diversity pipelines to a judicial career, including a 2009 program at the Harvard Law School.

Witte served as the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Region 5 Judicial Outreach Liaison in 2009-10, the NHTSA Judicial Fellow from 1995-98, and served on the U.S. Congressional Advisory Committee for Commercial Driver's License, 2007-08.

Witte joined The National Judicial College faculty in 1994. In addition, he has served as faculty for programs presented by the American Bar Association, NHTSA, the National Center for State Courts, the National Criminal Justice Association, the Indiana Judicial Center, and the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum. Witte's teaching experience is primarily in the field of impaired driving and traffic court administration. His legal teaching assignments have occurred in Arkansas, Hawaii, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Toronto, Canada, and Washington. Judge Witte has performed NHTSA assessments of impaired driving for Hawaii, Missouri, Montana, South Carolina, Rhode Island, Kansas, Maryland, and Washington.

### **David Thomas, Inspector General, Indiana Office of Inspector General**

Thomas was appointed as Indiana's first state Inspector General by Governor Daniels in 2005 and reappointed in 2009. He was appointed to his third term by Governor Pence in January 2013. Prior to holding this position, Thomas served three terms as Prosecuting Attorney in Clay County.

### **Cynthia Carrasco, Executive Director, Indiana Ethics Commission**

Cynthia Carrasco hails from El Paso, Texas. A graduate of Indiana University Law School in Indianapolis, she currently serves as the Executive Director for the Indiana Ethics Commission, appointed by Governor Mitch Daniels in 2007. She supervises the monthly Ethics Commission meetings and oversees the staff and operations at the Office of the Inspector General.

### **Gordon White, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Indiana Attorney General**

After working briefly for a small law firm in Indianapolis, Gordon White joined the appellate section of the office of Attorney General Ted Sendak in August 1978. In June 1979 he was assigned to represent the Indiana Department of Public Welfare (now Family and Social Services Administration) in litigation involving the Medicaid and other social service programs. He continued in that role until 1993 when he was reassigned to his current position in Advisory. In that capacity he reviews rules and contracts, drafts legal opinions, acts as an administrative law judge and advises several professional licensing boards. White graduated from the University of Illinois in 1974 and the Indiana University School of Law- Indianapolis in 1977. His home town is Champaign, Illinois and he lives in Zionsville.

### **Kristi Shute, Staff Attorney, Indiana Office of Inspector General**

Kristi Shute has been with the Office of Inspector General since August 2006. Due to her law enforcement background, she began as a Special Agent, but now serves as a Staff Attorney. She graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in 1998 and from Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis in 2006. Her undergraduate degree was in Criminal Justice at Indiana University in Bloomington. She currently coordinates Special Agent training, provides legal analysis for advisory opinions, and assists with investigations. She also leads the False Claims efforts of the office.

### **Hon. Nancy H. Vaidik, Presiding Judge, Fifth Circuit – Court of Appeals of Indiana**

Nancy H. Vaidik is a judge and a teacher with broad experience in both trial and appellate courts and in legal classrooms. She has an expertise in trial advocacy and appellate advocacy, with a strong background in the rules of evidence and legal mediation. Judge Vaidik was selected by her colleagues as chief judge of the Court of Appeals for a three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2014.

Judge Vaidik grew up in Portage, Indiana, and is a sixth-generation Hoosier who retains strong ties to her home town. She graduated with high distinction from Valparaiso University in 1977, with a double major in political science and psychology, and then studied at Valparaiso University Law School, where she earned her Juris Doctor in 1980.

Her early years as deputy and then chief deputy Porter County prosecutor provided the grounding for her judicial career. As an attorney, she tried over seventy-five jury trials and founded the Porter County Victims Assistance Unit, the Porter County Sexual Assault Recovery Project, the Domestic Violence Service, and the Valparaiso University Law School Mediation Clinic. She also served on the Porter County Community Corrections Board and led a countywide task force that spearheaded the eventual construction of a new county jail. After serving as a prosecutor, she went into private practice and specialized in domestic relations, probate, municipal law, and general litigation. She represented Caring Place, Inc., a shelter for battered women in Valparaiso.

From 1992 to 2000, she served as the judge of the Porter Superior Court. During her tenure on the trial court, Judge Vaidik was awarded a wide range of honors including the 1996 Indiana Domestic Violence Coalition Judge of the Year and the 1997 Indiana Judges Association Special Merit Award.

Judge Vaidik was appointed to the Court of Appeals in February 2000 by Governor Frank O'Bannon and was retained by election in 2002 and 2012. Because Judge Vaidik sees the Court of Appeals at the intersection of theoretical and practical law, she believes the Court should embody the highest degree of fairness and impartiality. This view informs her passion for teaching, as she feels that Hoosiers, and all litigants, deserve the finest possible legal advocates on their behalf. Judge Vaidik also believes that legal writing must be distinguished by logical construction and clear, explanatory prose.

She is an adjunct professor at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law and won its 2011 Adjunct Professor of the Year Award. She has served as a visiting professor at the College of Law of England and Wales and taught as an adjunct professor at Valparaiso University Law School. She has taught at many law schools and for a number of organizations including the Indiana State Bar Association, the Indiana Legal Education Forum, and the Indiana Judicial Center. Judge Vaidik has trained lawyers involved in prosecuting Rwandan war crimes, Mexican lawyers prosecuting drug lords, and solicitor advocates seeking the rights of audience in the High Courts in Belfast, Northern Ireland. She is particularly proud of her long association with the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, which honored her with its 2007 Robert Keeton Faculty Award.

Despite her Court of Appeals caseload and her teaching, Judge Vaidik is also actively involved in a wide variety of community, legal, and judicial organizations. She served on the State of Indiana Children's Peak Performance Commission and has held many posts with the Indiana Judges Association and Indiana Judicial Center. She has been chairperson of the Judicial Education and Community Relations Committees of the Indiana Judicial Center and is a member of the American Bar Association, Indiana State Bar Association, and Sagamore Inns of Court.

She has received many other awards and honors including the 2004 Indiana State Bar Association's Women in Law Achievement Award, the 2007 Indiana Lawyer Distinguished Barrister Award, the 2003 Paragon of Justice Award from Valparaiso University Law School, and the Sagamore of the Wabash Award from two Indiana governors.

Judge Vaidik and her husband are the proud parents of twin daughters, one a medical doctor and one a lawyer, and they have two grandsons, who can choose either profession.

## **Anne Nobles, Chair, IU Health Board of Directors**

Anne Nobles is the chair of the IU Health board of directors. She retired from Eli Lilly and Company after a 22-year career, where she last served as senior vice president of enterprise risk management and chief ethics

and compliance officer. She holds a BA and MA in archeology from Harvard University, and a JD from Georgetown University Law School. Nobles is vice chair of the board of directors of Citizens Energy and serves as a trustee of The Nature Conservancy of Indiana. She is a member of the Committee of 200, an invitation-only membership organization of the world's most successful women business leaders.

### **Paul Joyce, CPA, Indiana State Examiner**

Mr. Joyce graduated from Indiana State University in 1991 after having served in the United States Navy from 1984 through 1988. He worked as an intern with the Board of Accounts during the summer of 1990 and in December of 1991 was appointed a Field Examiner. Joyce had been the lead auditor on more than 100 audits of local governmental units. His responsibilities included, but were not limited to, planning the audit engagement, supervising auditors on the assignment, reviewing other auditors work, compiling the report and notes, and writing the opinion on the engagement. Joyce was appointed Interim Deputy State Examiner on July 14, 2005 and Deputy State Examiner on January 1, 2006. Joyce was appointed as State Examiner on November 8, 2013.

### **Sergeant Troy Stanton, Detective, Indiana State Police**

Sergeant Stanton serves as investigative squad leader for the detectives assigned to the Terre Haute Post. The Terre Haute Post is comprised of Parke, Vermillion, Vigo, Clay and Sullivan counties.

Sgt. Stanton was appointed to the rank of probationary trooper on Dec. 20, 1993, after his graduation from the Indiana State Police Academy. Stanton was then assigned to the Terre Haute Post as a road patrol trooper. He was promoted to detective in 1998.

In January 2005, Stanton was assigned to the Office of Indiana Inspector General David O. Thomas and in the Summer of 2005, he was assigned to the Office of the Superintendent of the Indiana State Police where he served until his promotion to the rank of Detective Sergeant at the Terre Haute Post in October of 2005.

Sgt. Stanton is a Fountain County native and graduated from Covington Community School Corporation in 1989 and ultimately Indiana State University in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminology.

### **Brian Miller, Managing Director, Navigant**

Brian is a Managing Director in the Disputes & Investigations practice at Navigant. With over 27 years of experience as a federal prosecutor, inspector general, and civil litigator, he brings a unique perspective and extensive experience to disputes, investigations, compliance issues, monitoring, and litigation. Brian served as the inspector general for the U.S. General Services Administration for almost a decade where he led over 300 auditors, special agents, staff attorneys, and support staff in conducting nationwide government audits and high profile investigations. As Inspector General, Brian may be best known for his report on the excesses at a GSA conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, but he also created a forensic auditing unit, developed a leading contractor disclosure program, and increased recoveries from complex False Claims Act cases.

Earlier in Brian's career, he held several high level positions within the U.S. Department of Justice, including senior counsel to the deputy attorney general and special counsel on healthcare fraud. He served as an Assistant United States Attorney for over a decade, where he prosecuted terrorists, fraudsters, drug kingpins, represented a federal magistrate judge, and the attorney general in his personal capacity.

## **Hon. Mike Pence, Indiana Governor**

Governor Mike Pence is a lifelong Hoosier with legal, small business and policy experience. He was elected the 50th Governor of the State of Indiana in 2012 and inaugurated January 14, 2013.

Governor Pence is dedicated to continuing Indiana on a pathway to success through fiscal responsibility, economic development and educational opportunity for every Hoosier child.

During his first legislative session as governor, Pence worked with the Indiana General Assembly to craft an honestly balanced budget that maintains strong reserves for the State and continues to generate a surplus. The budget includes the largest state tax cut in history, as well as new money for roads and schools. Governor Pence expanded school choice and addressed Indiana's skills gap by making career and technical education a priority in every Indiana high school.

Governor Pence manages a State employee workforce of approximately 28,000 and a State budget of \$30.6 billion. He oversees the duties of the executive branch as the state's chief executive officer, recommends and reviews legislation with members of the Indiana General Assembly, and also serves as the commander-in-chief of the Indiana National Guard.

Prior to being elected governor, Pence represented Indiana's Sixth Congressional District in Congress.

First elected in 2000 and earning a sixth term in 2010, Pence brought his Hoosier sensibility to the table and quickly established a record of serving his constituents and championing fiscal responsibility, smaller government and economic growth—skills and values he has brought with him to state government.

Pence's leadership and legislative accomplishments resulted in him being elected unanimously by his colleagues to serve as House Republican Conference Chairman and Chairman of the House Republican Study Committee.

A strong supporter of the military, Pence has made a priority of reducing veteran unemployment and, while in Congress, he visited Hoosier soldiers in Iraq and/or Afghanistan every year since hostilities began.

Pence was born and raised in Columbus, Indiana, graduated from Columbus North High School, went on to graduate from Hanover College in 1981 and earned his J.D. from Indiana University School of Law in 1986.

Governor Pence and First Lady Karen Pence have been married since 1985 and currently live in the Governor's Residence. They have three adult children, Michael, Charlotte and Audrey.